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Field Crops

For the week ending November 12, cotton harvesting is complete on 60 percent of the acreage compared to 64 percent last year and the five year average of 64 percent. Cotton condition remains mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on less than half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cabbage, cantaloupes, greens, miscellaneous herbs, spinach, lemons, and honeydews.

Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, kale, seeded and seedless watermelons, romaine lettuce, iceberg lettuce, parsley, miscellaneous herbs, spinach, and lemons last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending November 12. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly to 9 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 96 degrees at Aguila, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 12 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 22 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received 0.05 inches and Grand Canyon received 0.02 inches. There are now 4 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During October, Arizona's rangeland and pastures are going into Fall and Winter in good shape throughout the State. Grazing conditions were mostly fair to good. High, mid and low elevation pastures were in fair to mostly good condition, depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly good condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were mostly adequate. Insect damage was mostly moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, overall grazing condition was fair to good. High and mid elevation pastures were in fair to mostly good condition, but low elevation pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water was adequate, but soil moisture was mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair to good. High elevation pasture conditions varied from fair to excellent depending on the location. Mid elevation conditions were fair to good, and a substantial amount was in good condition. Low elevation conditions were mostly fair to good. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were adequate and soil moisture was short to adequate. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pastures varied from poor to excellent condition. Pastureland conditions were good to excellent at high elevation. Mid elevation conditions were fair to mostly good. Low elevation conditions were mostly poor to good. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were fair to adequate. Soil moisture supplies were short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
November 6 - November 12, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	64	7	96	42	0.00	5.83	-2.30	72
Buckeye	66	5	91	43	0.00	2.54	-3.70	41
Canyon De Chelly	46	3	74	19	0.05	8.74	0.34	104
Coolidge	64	5	90	40	0.00	5.18	-0.99	84
Douglas	59	5	83	33	0.00	10.50	-1.52	87
Flagstaff	43	5	68	18	0.00	14.83	-4.34	77
Grand Canyon	42	7	71	12	0.02	10.83	-6.43	63
Kingman	59	6	83	37	0.00	5.25	-3.05	63
Marana	68	8	87	48	0.00	11.00	2.05	123
Maricopa	66	7	91	44	0.00	4.03	-1.74	70
Paloma	65	4	90	45	0.00	3.18	-1.81	64
Parker	66	5	92	42	0.00	2.56	-0.57	82
Payson	54	6	76	34	0.00	12.37	-6.32	66
Phoenix	73	9	90	57	0.00	5.15	-1.09	83
Prescott	54	8	79	30	0.00	8.18	-8.84	48
Roll	67	5	92	45	0.00	1.60	-0.95	63
Safford	60	6	81	38	0.00	8.69	0.30	104
St. Johns	51	7	80	23	0.00	7.34	-2.92	72
Tucson	68	8	89	48	0.00	11.21	0.71	107
Willcox	58	7	83	34	0.00	9.21	-2.04	82
Winslow	51	5	81	23	0.00	2.63	-4.42	37
Yuma	69	4	92	50	0.00	1.05	-1.61	39

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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